

# Figurative Language

## Alliteration Reference Notebook

When a writer uses figurative language, they want to appeal to the reader's senses, imagination or sense of humour. The meaning of a figurative language phrase goes beyond the literal meaning of each individual word. Song lyrics are a great place to find figurative language. Can you find the examples of ALLITERATION in this song excerpt?

Cut out around the edges of the box and glue the song into your book. Highlight each ALLITERATION group of words you find.

### **“The First Time in Forever”**

**by Kristen Bell (excerpt)**

Ooh! I suddenly see him standing  
there

A beautiful stranger, tall and fair  
I wanna stuff some chocolate in my  
face

But then we laugh and talk all  
evening,  
Which is totally bizarre  
Nothing like the life I've led so far

For the first time in forever  
There'll be magic, there'll be fun  
For the first time in forever  
I could be noticed by someone

Now cut out this quick reference guide to ALLITERATION and glue it into your book to remind you how this type of figurative language works.

# Alliteration

Alliteration is a writing technique in which the same **initial sound** is **repeated** in a series of words.

Many song titles, film titles and brand names are alliterative. For example:

- o Surfin' Safari
- o Heartbreak Hotel
- o King Kong
- o Dr Dolittle
- o Coca-Cola
- o Dunkin' Donuts



**Not all the words** in the sentence or title have to have the same initial sound, but they do need to be quite **close together** to count as alliteration.

It's the **initial sound** that's important, not just the letters.

*This is **T**homas **T**hatcher.*

A sentence like this doesn't count as alliteration, because the 'th' in each word has a different sound!

# Answers:

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### Teacher note:

‘Stranger’ is probably a little too far from the ‘s’ words in the previous line to count as a genuine alliteration. The same goes for ‘fun’ in the second line of the chorus. However, children will probably pick these up and you could use them as a discussion point on the figurative language structures.